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UMC Names Ag Arama “True Grit” Award Winner

By Krista Lemos on Monday, January 30, 2006

Crookston, MN—Ag Arama 2006 was held on Friday and Saturday, January 27 & 28, 2006 at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). Winner of the most coveted of all awards at Ag Arama, the True Grit Award, was UMC student Alison Stone, a senior from Lakeville, Minnesota, majoring in Ag Business. The True Grit Award is dedicated to the memory of Todd Opsahl a UMC student in 1973-74. Todd was extremely active in campus activities especially in the Ag Division where he studied animal science. Todd's life was cut short by leukemia. In his remembrance, the True Grit award is presented to the student who best demonstrates Todd Opsahl's active participation and encouragement of others.

UMC is a four-year baccalaureate degree granting institution and coordinate campus of the University of Minnesota. Ag Arama is an annual winter competition that focuses on agriculture and natural resources at UMC in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC). Ag Arama features contests in agronomy, animal science, horticulture, and natural resources. Through these contests the event allows current students to showcase their knowledge and skills in their major area of study and gives them a chance interact with each other, with alumni, and with faculty members. Ag-Arama is planned and operated by a committee of UMC students and advised by UMC faculty members.

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